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SUBJECT: EXPANSION OF ASHDOD, HAIFA, EILAT PORTS

REF: TEL AVIV 2430 AND 3506

PASS COMMERCE - SANDS /WENTWORTH

1. AARON REMEZ, DIRECTOR GENERAL, ISRAEL PORTS AUTHORITY(IPA) INFORMED COMMATT THAT ISRAEL WILL SOON NEED ADDITIONAL PORT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AREA.

2. A LANDBRIDGE AND RAILWAY CONNECTING EILAT WITH ASHDOD IS IN PLANNING STAGE AND IPS IS REVISING MASTER-PLAN OF HAIFA NAD ASHDOD PORTS TO PREPARE FOR REQUIREMENTS OF EXPECTED LARGE SCALE CONTAINER AND OTHER SPECIALIZED BULK TRAFFIC. IN ADDTION, IPA IS PLANNING EXPENDITURE OF IL 100 MILLION ON DEVELOPMENT OF EILAT PORT.

3. IPS WILL REQUIRE IN ASHDOD (A) GRAIN TERMINAL (B) COAL OPERATED POWER STATIONS, AND (C) ENLARGEMENT OF TERMINAL FACILITY FOR BULK EXPORTS OF PHOSPHATS, FERTILIZERS, AND OTHER CHEMCIALS.

4. ABOVE REPORESENTS A TOTAL INVESTMENT OF IL 1-1/2
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2 BILLION PLUS 30 PERCNER FOR ANTICIAPTED INFLATIONARY

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PRICE INCREASES. FOREIGN EXCHANGE COMPONENTS THIS
IVESTMENT ESTIMATED AT $94 MILLION. IPA WILL SEEK
WORLD BANK AND OTHER FINANCING

5. IPA HAD AGREEMENT WITH ICI, BRITAIN, FOR EXPORT/
IMPORT LIQUIED CHEMICALS. HOWEVER, REMEZ PREFERS
AMERICAN COMPANY SPECIALIZED IN TERMAINAL DESIGN.
PORT AND TRANSPORTATION FACILITES AND SAFETY AND
ECOLOGICAL PROBLEMS TO SERVE AS CONSULTANTS.
REMEZ REQUEST THAT USDOC SUPPLY NAMES OF AMERICAN
FIRMS WHO WILL BE INTERESTED IN THESE PROJECTS.
REMEZ PREPARD TO FLY TO U.S. FOR SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS.
COPY OF "PRELIMINARY STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF LOAN
APPLICATION FOR A FIVE YEAR DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM"
DISPATCHED UNDER SEPARATE COVER.

6. DUE URGENCY OF ABOVE EMBASSY REQUESTS JOHNNY SANDS
CALL LEE COLINS FRIDAY JULY 19, 0830 TO 0900
WASHINGTON TIME.
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